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Re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2852

Application No.: 10/700,630

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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- ☒ 2. The references were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.
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Respectfully submitted,

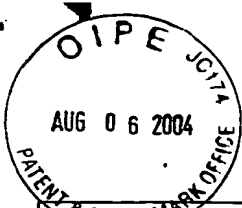

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	1)	5,287,149	02/15/1994	HOSHIKA			
	2)	5,692,232	11/25/1997	OKANO et al.			
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	4)	JP A 06-214442	08/05/1994	JAPAN			
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